

RUSSIANS WILL HAVE TO PAY

MUCH PROBABILITY, HOWEVER, OF TREATY OF PEACE.

Japan's Army Costs Her a Million Dollars a Day and an Indemnity Will Be Demanded.

New York, July 25.—That Japan will demand an indemnity of Russia in the negotiations for peace and that the war will be declared at an end at the conclusion of the negotiations at Portsmouth, N. H., next month, is the belief of Baron Komura, head of the Japanese peace delegation, who arrived here today, as voiced by Almir Sato, who is the official spokesman for the Baron on this mission.

Mr. Sato tonight said: "I am confident that peace will be successfully negotiated by the appointed delegations. The Japanese will be guided by moderation and no excessive demands will be made, but the sentiment in Japan and Russia is for peace, and in the interest of humanity and propriety there must be peace."

The cost to Japan has been very great. On both sides the war has cost 570,000, Russia losing \$70,000,000 of the war. The cost to Japan one million dollars a day, and there is a feeling that there ought to be an indemnity.

Asked as to the probability of an armistice, Mr. Sato said that probably would be among the first questions the plenipotentiaries would consider. Basing the form of the negotiations on previous treaty negotiations Japan will make the demands for Russia's consideration, he said.

The peace terms, while held inviolate by those who knew their text, were formulated by the emperor of Japan and his council. Mr. Sato was asked if in the flush of victory the Japanese people would not feel entitled to more than any treaty would allow, and Mr. Sato said:

"The Japanese are not so gentle as to abide by any decision we may make, but they pay great respect to the offices of President Roosevelt and his acts have done a great deal to emphasize the need for peace."

He prefers English.

Mr. Sato here said the Japanese would prefer to have the negotiations in the English language as neither Baron Komura nor himself speaks English. The matter, however, would be settled after President Roosevelt had met the two representatives. As to the attitude of the Japanese members toward the Russian delegates, Mr. Sato said:

"We admire M. Witte and Baron Rosen. The announcement of M. Witte's appointment to the peace party was made frequently before that of any other person could have been. We recognize him as a great statesman."

Of the future of China he said: "If the provinces could work in harmony with the district or provincial governments China would become a great power, but at present that seems to be impossible."

Japan's attitude toward China was most friendly, said Mr. Sato, and while maintaining no moral Monroe doctrine over the empire she felt that it was more or less under Japan's protection. The protection by the way of illustration he said, was "not so strong over China as that of the United States over South America."

Mr. Sato emphasized the announcement made frequently before that Japan does not seek territorial aggrandizement and on this point the speaker said:

"We want in Japan equal opportunity or what Mr. Hay called the 'open door'."

In response to further questions Mr. Sato said Japan is overpopulated and that in the opening of Manchuria and Korea an attractive field for immigration would be nearer home than offered in Hawaii or America. Mr. Sato said that while a desire for peace was the sentiment of Japan, it was not a desire for peace at any price.

"Japan is in a very prosperous condition at present," he said, "and the war taxes do not fall heavily upon the people as there has been subscribed \$250,000,000 to a new internal loan and our property is further indicated in the success of our foreign loans."

As to Japan's attitude toward America, Mr. Sato laughingly asked: "You mean the yellow peril?"

He said: "We are almost boyish in our enthusiasm and friendship for America. While we are friendly with China as orientals are greater friends are America and England. Why the first monument ever erected to any foreigner in Japan was that to Commodore Perry, and the policy and conduct of the American people for the last fifty years has been one of help to us."

The question was put to Mr. Sato as to the possibility of a conflict with the United States in the future, as suggested by some of the American press at the outbreak of the war and Sato asked what could bring about such a conflict.

Baron Komura and his party arrived early today from Chicago and proceeded at once to the Waldorf Astoria, where they will be quartered until his departure for Portsmouth.

FOUR GRADES OF WHEAT.

Millers Meet State Board and Establish Grades for the Year.

Millers and men who are interested in the handling of wheat from all over the state were at Topeka last week to attend the meeting of the board appointed by the governor to establish the grades of wheat for the year.

The grading differs in several particulars from the grading of last year. There will be four grades of wheat this season. No. 1 wheat must weigh 60 pounds or more to the bushel, must be sound, sweet and absolutely free from rye. No. 2 wheat must weigh 55 pounds to the bushel and be sound, sweet and of good color. No. 3 must weigh between 55 and 58 pounds to the bushel and be sound and sweet. All wheat which is sound and dry and weighs less than 55 pounds to the bushel will be graded No. 4. Any damp, tough wheat which is not fit to be graded No. 4 will be rejected. One of the most important changes in this year's grading is that no wheat which has been scoured or clipped or which has the appearance of having been scoured or clipped will be graded above No. 3.

The custom of some country elevators to put wheat from the farmers for No. 2 or No. 3 and after scouring it sell it to the mills for a higher grade.

OLD SOLDIERS PASSING AWAY

NET DECREASE IS 63, ACCORDING TO METCALF'S REPORT.

Amount Disbursed at Topeka Pension Office, Over \$16,000,000 to 115,368 Pensioners.

From Topeka Capital.

General Wilder S. Metcalf, pension agent for this district, has completed his annual report of the business done at the local office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and has mailed a copy to the pension commissioner at Washington. The report shows a net decrease of 63 in the number of pensioners and a decrease of \$116,775.22 in the amount paid out from the previous year.

During the fiscal year just closed 115,368 persons received pensions from the Topeka office. The total amount paid out was \$16,177,446.50. The district covered by the local office includes Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. The money paid out during the year, however, was sent to all parts of the country, as many pensioners who originally lived in the district have moved and have not been transferred to the other offices. At the same time many of the pensioners living in this district are paid from the other offices.

In speaking of his report yesterday Metcalf said:

"Although the amount paid out during the fiscal year just closed showed a decrease from the previous year, I expect that this year's will be worth even more than last, as new pensions are granted and old ones increased more rapidly than the old pensioners drop out."

During the year 5,531 pensioners were dropped from the rolls, and 1,968, making the net decrease 63.

On July 1, 1905, there were 38 widows of veterans of the war of 1812 on the roll of the agency. The amount required to pay them annually was \$5,472.

There were 649 survivors of the Mexican war, drawing \$95,004 annually, and 1,000 widows of Mexican war veterans, drawing \$96,480 annually.

There were 143 survivors of the Indian war, drawing \$12,941 annually, and 139 widows of Indian war veterans, drawing \$13,288.

There were 4,659 invalids of the civil war, drawing annually \$12,014,196, and 263 widows of the war with Spain, drawing \$41,112.

There were 62 army nurses, drawing annually \$3,024.

There were 779 invalids of the regular establishment, drawing \$121,965 annually, and 121 widows of the regular establishment, drawing \$26,412.

The pensioners classified under the regular establishment are all persons receiving pensions for cause occurring outside the wars mentioned.

A Novel Game of Base Ball.

A novel game of base ball was played at the ball park Wednesday. It was a "kid game" between girls and boys. The girls won by a score of 21 to 10.

The girls had the help of three boys, Rex Kent, Herbert and Karl Shimeall. The girls were Mable McGuire, Nanette Russell, Lily Shaw, Freda Brown, Irene Kaults and Mabel Powers. The boys were Frank Teeters, Frank Brown, Frank McBride, Leonard Poland, Earl Hodgkinson, Albert Donly, Scott McGuire, Paul Mixer and Claude Coleman. The girls paraded down Main street and the boys went down a back alley after the game.

GUNBOAT BENNINGTON DISASTER

EIGHTY-ONE DEAD AND MANY INJURED.

Accident Occurred in San Diego Harbor Last Friday Morning at 10:30 O'clock.

San Diego, Calif., July 21.—The U. S. gunboat Bennington, while lying at anchor in San Diego harbor, was wrecked by an explosion of her boiler Friday morning at about 10:30 o'clock. Eighty-one of her crew were killed and a large number injured.

San Diego, Calif., July 21.—One of the most frightful disasters in the peace history of the American navy, excepting the sinking of the Maine in Havana harbor, occurred in San Diego bay shortly after 10:30 a. m. today on board the gunboat Bennington.

At a moment when the warship, lying at anchor and with her officers and crew quietly attending to their duties, was the object of interest to hundreds of people observing her from piers, pleasure boats and passing ferry boats, a cloud of steam suddenly burst from a point just forward of the smokestack, from which the spectators were horrified to see bodies and human fragments hurled high in the air and scattered over the surrounding water.

The outbreak was accompanied by a roar as of thunder and a shock which rocked vessels near by. In an instant the air was filled with shrieks and howls of pain from the wounded, which could be heard ashore, and with flying fragments of human beings and pieces of the ship's superstructure.

The next moment bleeding sailors were fighting, crippled, in the water against death in only a few seconds from that from which they had escaped, while row boats, sail boats, launches and tugs were being driven to the rescue as fast as arms, mind and steam could carry them.

A horrible sight met those who approached. In the water men with blackened faces were struggling handicapped by injuries, others on debris were covered with blood, some dead, some dying, some wounded, some working to rescue comrades who were yet below either dead or dying.

At the wharves preparations were speedily made for taking care of the injured in what, by this time, was seen to be a disaster of awful proportions. Ambulances were telephoned for, every express wagon driver who could be reached by telephone was summoned, physicians were notified and hospitals informed. Within half an hour from the time of the explosion carriages, buggies, automobiles and street cars were bearing burdens of victims toward the hospitals.

One had eight sitting or reclining against the sides, holding in their laps one head of a comrade who had died of all them with faces black with smoke and grime and many clothed in nothing but trousers, some of those whose bodies were bare, not injured in vital parts, but suffering from loss of torn flesh, sat up with lacerated bodies exposed to the wind.

One, whose arm was twisted and whose face and breast were covered with blood, looked at his own bleeding and dropping blood, and muttered only, "My God, my God!"

A corps of men with blackened bodies were hurried through the streets, their bloodied faces were stained, gaping wounds stitched, or more heroic treatment given.

Commander Young and Surgeon Peck of the Bennington, were ashore at the time of the explosion. Lieutenant Yates was in charge. Lieutenant Wade was the only one of the officers aboard not injured.

Bennington Is Beached.

San Diego, Calif., July 21.—The Bennington has been beached near Spreckles wharf and the work of taking out bodies is being prosecuted as fast as possible. Fifty bodies have been recovered and more remained to be taken out.

San Diego, Calif., July 22.—The Bennington horror, which yesterday shocked and stunned the city, has a roster of casualties, grew with each passing hour of the day.

These figures, which at first glance appear exaggerated, are made up of the known dead, the bodies among the injured now in the various hospitals and the total number missing and are summarized as follows:

Dead at morgues.....49
Dead in the flooded fire room of the ill-fated warship.....7
Injured who may die.....10
Missing.....15
Total.....81

Bodies in Wreckage.

The Bennington tonight lies deeper than ever in the mud and shallow water on the shore of the bay and no apparent progress was made in the work of pumping out her flooded compartments.

Lucien Young was seen in his quarters aboard the Bennington this afternoon. He was asked to make a statement as to the cause of the explosion and its effects upon the machinery. He said:

"As to the cause of the explosion I cannot say anything, because I do not know. What I do know is that the damage was caused by an explosion of a boiler or boiler. The crown sheet of boiler B collapsed and the boiler head blew out, breaking through the steel bulkhead separating it from boiler D. The other main port boiler immediately exploded. Boiler D was forced back, the crown sheet collapsed and breaking down the steel bulkhead separating it from the fire room. Every one in the fire room at the time was killed. Three bodies are now plucked down by the burst bulkhead. These bodies are now lying to release. In order to do this it will be necessary to cut the steel bulkhead in two places. One of the bodies is wedged in such shape that it may be necessary to dismember it in order to take it out. We are hindered, of course, by the water in the boiler and fire rooms and are taking measures to pump this out as rapidly as possible. I cannot express an opinion as to when we will reach the bottom."

MRS. H. A. CHAMBERS DEAD.

Wife of Sherman County Pioneer Passes Away.

Mrs. Martha Chambers, wife of H. A. Chambers of Union township, died at her home Sunday, July 23, at her comfortable and beautiful home, was not unexpected, yet the news of her "passing over" was upon every one's lips. She has lived here so long. Mary Dawson was known to so many people.

The funeral was held from the home at 10 o'clock Monday forenoon. After the singing of "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt" by a quartette, Rev. John Eldridge of the Methodist church preached the sermon, taking his text from John 11:11—"Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." At the conclusion of the sermon, the quartette sang, "Abide With Me."

As a beautiful introduction to the subject matter of his theme, the speaker told of the life that had fallen asleep; how loyal Mrs. Dawson had been to all enterprises of the church, and how she had been the friend of the poor. That was a glowing eulogy in itself for any life, however noble—the friend of the poor—fulfilling the teaching of the great Nazarene, "I was hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; naked, and ye clothed me."

"Our friend," said Rev. Eldridge, "has gone the way of all the earth. Death is no respecter of persons; from the beggar to the millionaire, the grim reaper is equally unkind. But, after all, man is evidently in harmony with his environment, and death is but the sunset of his life. The scriptures commonly refer to death as a falling asleep, which has for its antithesis, an awakening. The concept of the death angel, also spoken of in the bible, intimates immortality, but the absolute demonstration of life beyond the grave is impossible to us. For reasons perhaps best known to himself, Jesus did not let us into all the secrets of our heavenly home, but he comforts us with these words, 'In my Father's house are many mansions.' While death seems to be a process of destruction, we should not forget that all life apparently springs from death. Resurrection is everywhere."

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In 1858 she came with her parents to Kansas, the family settling near Centralia. A little later she went to live in Worth county, Missouri, where on the 23d of October, 1862, she was married to Osborne C. Dawson. To them were born six children, three boys and three girls. The three girls died in childhood, and one son, Edith H., died in 1897, being in his 38th year. In 1887 the family moved to Sherman county, settling near the present site of Goodland. The next year they built a house in Goodland and since that time this has been the family home.

In early life Mrs. Dawson united with the Methodist church. After her marriage she united with the Disciples church, but later with her husband joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she continued a member till the day of her death.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Frank Dawson of Westphalia, Kan., and Alfred Dawson of Goodland, also three sisters and two brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dawson of Westphalia, Kan., and Miss Gertrude Hymer of Belle Plaine, Kan., a niece of the deceased, were present at the funeral.

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G. A. E. Reunion at Oberlin.

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Rev. Eldridge, in His Sermon, Enlarged Her Loyalty to the Poor and to the Church.

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FREE TRADE FOR PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Taft Favors a Reduction of 25 Per Cent to Take Effect at Once.

Honolulu, July 19, via San Francisco, Cal., July 25.—During his visit here Secretary Taft expressed himself as continuing to hold the opinion he had expressed before—that free trade should be established with the Philippines as soon as the treaty with Spain, by which Spain has equal privileges with the United States, expires, which will be in two years.

The secretary also stated that he favored a 25 per cent reduction of Philippine tariffs at once. At the close of his interview he stated, given in honor of the party, he said that he wanted to unite the affairs of Hawaii, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippines in one executive bureau of the government.

"All matters of information about these various islands and Alaska could come to such a bureau," he said, "and Hawaiian citizens in Washington could go to it to discuss the affairs of Hawaii."

Secretary Taft said in an interview that the question of fortifications for Hawaii was one that must be solved soon. To all interviews he stated, in connection with the Chinese exclusion law, that there was no intention to admit any more coolies, and when informed that some of the Hawaiian planters would like more such laborers said that no change of policy in that respect was intended.

T. T. KELLY GIVES HIS BOND

HAS SIGNATURES FOR \$881,000; SAYS HE CAN INCREASE THAT.

Hoch May Still Keep After Kelly, and If He Does, There Will Be Some Fighting Back.

Topeka, July 26.—"Tom" Kelly, state treasurer, last night filed with the secretary of state a bond for \$881,000. By tonight, he says, he will have signatures enough to bring the bond up to \$1,000,000.

There are more than 100 signatures on the bond filed. The largest signers are as follows:

Senator A. Henley, Lawrence, \$250,000.

Joab Mulvane, Topeka, \$50,000.

Thomas Carey, Kansas City, Kan., \$50,000.

F. W. Casner, Hutchinson, \$50,000.

D. W. Mulvane, Topeka, \$25,000.

Adolph C. Stich, Independence, \$25,000.

W. L. Pattison, Wellsville, \$15,000.

William E. Kelly, Olathe, \$15,000.

Albert W. Shulth, Independence, \$10,000.

W. H. Kelly, Edgerton, \$10,000.

Thomas Coughlin, Edgerton, \$10,000.

J. B. Case, Abilene, \$10,000.

T. J. Coughlin, Topeka, \$10,000.

John C. Collins, Paola, \$10,000.

O. E. Leonard, Lawrence, \$10,000.

John D. Kelly, Gardner, \$10,000.

H. B. Kelly, Topeka, \$10,000.

John Griffin, Gardner, \$10,000.

M. J. Kelly, Edgerton, \$5,000.

J. J. Sheridan, Paola, \$5,000.

Kelly and his friends, it is said, are going to keep Governor Hoch in pretty hot political water for the rest of his term and will hand out large amounts to him if he tries for another term.

S. W. Moore of Lawrence has, it is said, a bond of \$1,000,000 ready, and there is some talk that Hoch will continue to harass Kelly and try, if possible, to oust him. One of the things to be tried, it is said, is the charge that Kelly misappropriated the \$2,000,000 appropriated to pay for his old bond. Hoch will claim that this money was appropriated to pay for the new bond.

STABBED AT LIMON.

An Austrian Laborer Will Probably Die From Wounds.

Denver, Colo., July 24.—Stabbed four times, once in the left breast, which wound will probably prove fatal as the lung is punctured, Vaseo Bjedoric, an Austrian laborer, was brought to Denver on a freight train at 1:30 o'clock this morning. The man, who is an Austrian, had a quarrel with a fellow countryman on a Union Pacific bunk car at Limon last night and was stabbed four times. His assailant, who is unknown, made his escape. The wounded man was taken to the Mercy sanitarium by the police surgeon. He will probably die before daylight. He has been in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad for some time.

Twenty-Second Annual Reunion.

The twenty-second annual state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Kansas, will be held at Hutchinson, August 14 to 18, 1905. Prominent speakers will be present and the customary good time will be enjoyed by all able to attend. Governors Hoch of Kansas and Folk of Missouri will speak August 15.

A full line of fresh and cured meat, fish and poultry at the Star Meat Market. Jewell & Hogeboom.

DEWEY CASES NOW SETTLED